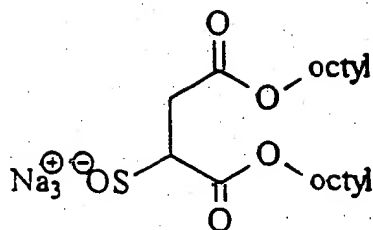


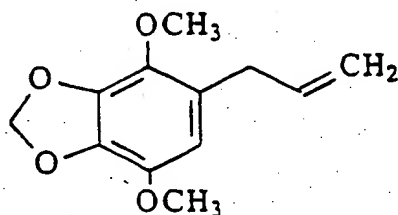
## CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for deactivating a Der-f and/or Der-p allergen present on a textile surface comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more of deactivants selected from

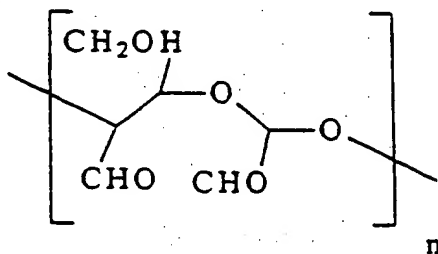
- i) cedarwood oil,
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride,
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- ~~xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,~~
- xviii) a compound of formula I



xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



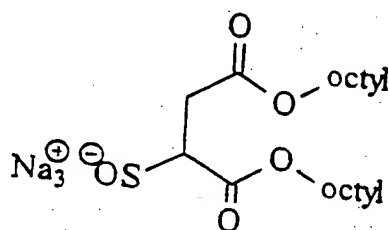
where n = 2 to 200,

- xxi) urea,
- xxii) cyclodextrin
- xxiii) hydrogenated hop oil,
- xxiv) polyvinylpyrrolidone,
- xxv) N-methylpyrrolidone,
- xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone, and
- xxvii) potassium thioglycolate.

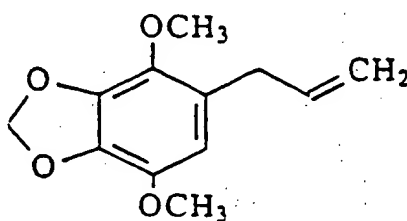
2. (currently amended) A method for deactivating a Der-f allergen present on a textile surface comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more deactivants selected from

- i) cedarwood oil,

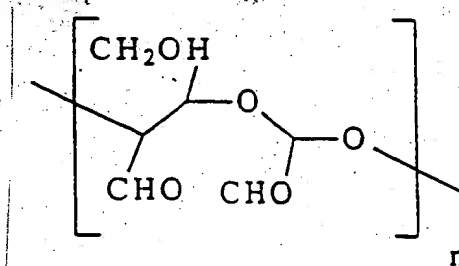
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride,
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- ~~xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,~~
- xviii) a compound of formula I



- xix) the compound of formula II



- xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



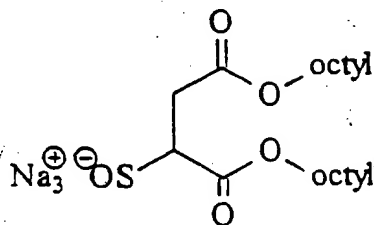
where  $n = 2$  to  $200$ ,

- xxi) urea,  
xxii) cyclodextrin  
xxiii) hydrogenated hop oil,  
xxiv) polyvinylpyrrolidone,  
xxv) N-methylpyrrolidone, and  
xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone.

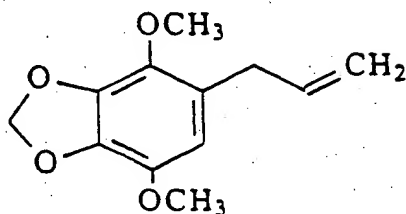
3.(currently amended) A method for deactivating a Der-p allergen present on a textile surface comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more deactivants selected from.

- i) cedarwood oil,  
ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride,  
iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,  
iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,  
v) polyquaternium-10  
vi) silica gel,  
vii) propylene glycol alginate,  
viii) ammonium sulphate  
ix) hinokitiol,

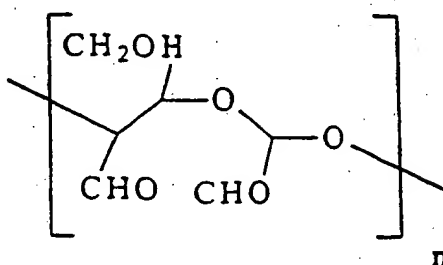
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- ~~xvii) 6 isopropyl m-cresol,~~
- xviii) a compound of formula I



- xix) the compound of formula II



- xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III

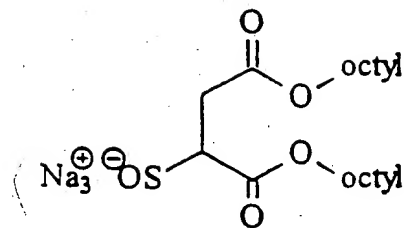


where  $n = 2$  to 200, and

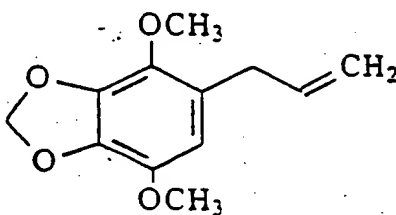
xxvii) potassium thioglycolate.

4. (currently amended) A method for deactivating allergens deriving from Der-f and/or Der-p dust mites, said allergens being associated with fecal particles excreted by said mites on the surfaces of fabric materials selected from ~~rugs~~, rugs and upholstered furniture, which method comprises applying to said fabric materials a deactivant selected from

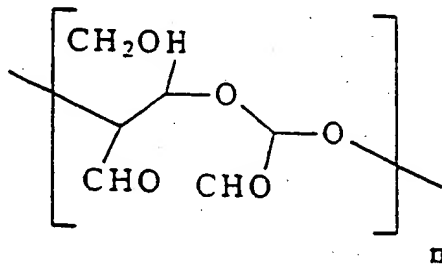
- i) cedarwood oil,
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- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
- xviii) a compound of formula I



xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



where  $n = 2$  to 200,

xxi) urea,

xxii) cyclodextrin

xxiii) hydrogenated hop oil,

xxiv) polyvinylpyrrolidone,

xxv) N-methylpyrrolidone,

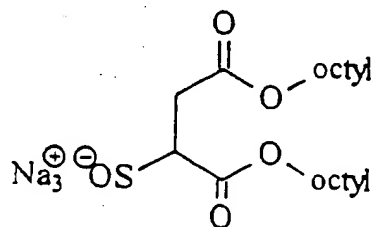
xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone, and

xxvii) potassium thioglycolate.

at an application rate of from 16 grams to 170 grams of deactivant per 10 square meters.

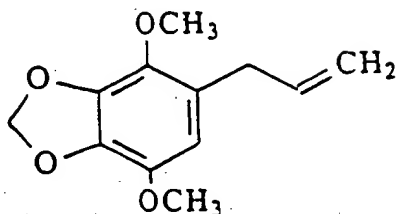
5. (original) A method according to claim 4 in which the allergens derive from Der-f dust mites and the deactivant is selected from

- i) cedarwood oil,
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride,
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
- xviii) a compound of formula I

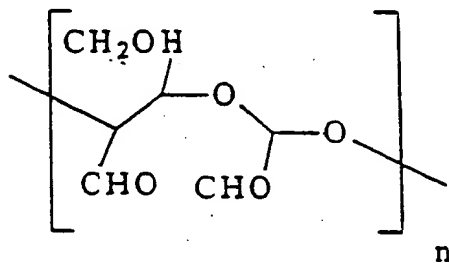




xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III

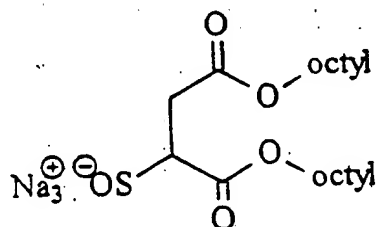


where n = 2 to 200,

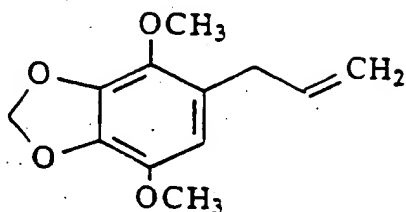
- xxi) urea,
- xxii) cyclodextrin,
- xxiii) hydrogenated hop oil,
- xxiv) polyvinylpyrrolidone,
- xxv) N-methylpyrrolidone, and
- xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone.

6. (previously amended) A method according to claim 4 in which the allergens derive from Der-p dust mites and the deactivant is selected from

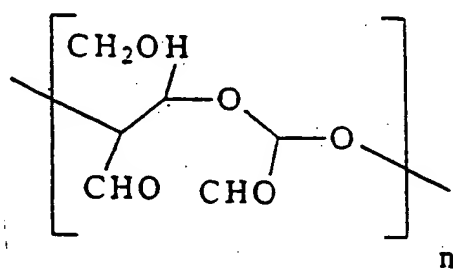
- i) cedarwood oil,
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride,
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
- xviii) a compound of formula I



xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



where  $n = 2$  to 200, and

xxvii) potassium thioglycolate.

7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, in which the deactivant is selected from

xiv) hinoki oil,

xv) a composite of AgCl with  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,

- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- ~~xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,~~
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride,
- xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone,
- xxviii) a compound of formula I, and
- xix) the compound of formula II.

Claims 8-16 (cancelled)

17. (new) A method according to claim 7 in which the deactivant is (xvi) diazolidinyl urea.

18. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 7~~ for deactivating a Der-f and/or Der-p allergen present on a textile surface containing the allergen comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivant composition in which the deactivant is (xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol present in an amount of from 0.01 to 3% of said composition.

19.(currently amended) A method according to claim 7 in which the deactivant is  
(~~xvii~~) (xviii) a compound of formula I.

20.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 in which the deactivant  
is (xi) immobilised tannic acid.

**Amendments to the Written Description**

1. On page 21, delete "Examples 48-55", delete the text "Further samples . . . given below:" and delete the entire table.
2. On page 21, change [[Examples 56-59]] to Examples 48-51.
3. On page 22, change [[Example 56]] to Example 48.
4. On page 23, change [[Example 57]] to Example 49.
5. On page 24, change [[Example 58]] to Example 50.
6. On page 25, change [[Example 59]] to Example 51.